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Thx, can respond to all three.

On Feb 6, 2018, at 4:09 PM, COYLE, BRIDGET <Coyle.Bridget@epa.gov> wrote:

Greetings Alexis-

At our update with Alan Bacock today, we received a heads up about a few hot topics items which would be beneficial to address at the RTOC tomorrow, as time allows.

1. Re: Anaconda Mine, the tribes are questioning whether they should be meeting with the region or with HQ, as decisions do not appear to be made at the regional level. Specific concerns include: inadequate consultation, EPA's failure to meet with decision makers, demand for equal representation and advanced notice of any meetings or visits, and concern that information being provided to states can impact the tribes authority and force tribes to go through states for funding.
2. What is the status of pending applications for TAS applications under both the CWA and the CAA?
3. What is the status of staffing (FTE) at the agency? Concern that EPA staffing reductions are impacting tribal funding and/or technical support for tribes.

We can provide updates about these topics during the "EPA Response to Tribal Caucus Report" from 3:45-4:00, or include them in remarks made earlier in the day. Let me know if you would like additional information/context. Thanks so much, and look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

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